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# H. R. 407

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. STEARNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Deficit Accountability  
5 Act of 1993.”

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST INCREASES IN THE RATE OF**  
2 **PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOL-**  
3 **LOWING A BUDGET DEFICIT.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION AGAINST INCREASES IN THE RATE  
5 OF PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOLLOWING A  
6 BUDGET DEFICIT.—Section 31 of title 2, United States  
7 Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and limited  
9 by paragraph (3)” after “paragraph (2)”; and

10 (2) by inserting at the end the following new  
11 paragraph:

12 “(3) Except as provided in paragraph (2), an  
13 increase in the rate of pay for Members of Congress  
14 pursuant to paragraph (1) may not go into effect if  
15 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-  
16 et has determined that there was a deficit, as that  
17 term is defined in section 3 of the Congressional  
18 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), for the  
19 preceding fiscal year.”.

20 (b) PROHIBITION AGAINST INCREASES IN RATE OF  
21 PAY PRIOR TO THE INITIAL DETERMINATION BY THE OF-  
22 FICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.—Except as pro-  
23 vided in paragraph (2) of section 31 of title 2, United  
24 States Code, an increase in the rate of pay for Members  
25 of Congress pursuant to paragraph (1) of section 31 of  
26 title 2, United States Code, may not go into effect during

1 the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act  
2 and ending on the date of the initial determination by the  
3 Director of the Office of Management and Budget after  
4 enactment of this Act as to whether a deficit, as that term  
5 is defined in section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act  
6 of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), existed for the prior fiscal  
7 year.

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